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**Serge (Julian Pitts), Josh (Aidan Larkin) and Skeeter (Finn McNabb) enter the abandoned Treasure Trove mine, where dragons are rumored to lurk. The winter youth musical opens Saturday at the Community Center.**

## Buried Treasure Opens

This year's Greenbelt Youth Musical is Buried Treasure, an enchanting story about three high school students who fall down a mineshaft in the abandoned Treasure Trove mine and find themselves in the mythical Underworld. The trio's subterranean adventure forces them to confront the idealized surface identities they have constructed. As the teens acknowledge the flaws they previously denied, they are able to grow in courage, wisdom and goodness. Writer and director Chris Cherry notes that the show is written on more than one

level, so that kids can enjoy the magical adventure story, complete with dragons and gnomes, while adults discern more sophisticated themes. Forty enthusiastic young actors are in the cast.

The Greenbelt Youth Musical is an open-enrollment program for performers in grades 7 through 12. The popular program is in its 17th year. Buried Treasure opens this Saturday, March 4, at the Community Center. The show runs this weekend and next weekend only. For information and tickets, call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

## ERHS Basketball Playoff

by Bill Cornett

In the region quarterfinal on Tuesday, the Raiders opened up a big lead in the beginning, but in the second half Bowie gave it maximum effort and tied it up with less than five minutes to play. The lead see-sawed in the final minutes. With ten seconds to play, the Raiders sank several foul shots and had a five-point lead. With 3.6 seconds to go, a foul by a Roosevelt player caused the Bowie bench to storm onto the court, followed shortly thereafter by hordes of fans. The numerous Greenbelt Police officers and school administrators had their hands full controlling the crowd, but all ended well with no substantial altercations. (Greenbelt police later reported one Bowie student was arrested for assault.)

The officials decided that there was

no way that Bowie could come up with five points in under four seconds, so they ended the game at that point. Final score was ERHS 62, Bowie 57.



PHOTO BY WILLIAM CORNETT

**Gus Okafor (20) of the Roosevelt Raiders Varsity Basketball Team tries to get the ball past Kevin Chase (23) of the Bowie Bulldogs for a basket.**

### County Schools

## State Rejects Prince George's Request for Aug. 22 Opening

by Julie Depenbrock

Prince George's County Public Schools will begin the 2017-2018 school year September 6 and end June 13.

The school system's request to begin prior to Labor Day was denied Tuesday, February 28 by the State Board of Education, according to a press release from Prince George's County Public Schools CEO Kevin Maxwell.

On Thursday, February 23, the Prince George's County Board of Education voted 8 to 4 to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar with a pre-Labor Day start date, violating the Executive Order from Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. They also voted to accept their post-Labor Day start

date if the waiver from the state was denied and left open the idea of litigation if necessary, but not for the 2017-2018 school year.

Last August, Gov. Larry Hogan issued an executive order mandating local education agencies to develop a school calendar that starts after Labor Day and ends no later than June 15. To date, the primary rationale given for the executive order is the boost of tax revenue for Ocean City and the popularity of the proposal with the general public.

"Under the Governor's mandate, local Boards of Education can no longer implement a school calendar that reflects the unique needs of their school districts,"

said Segun C. Eubanks, Board of Education chair. "I strongly believe a pre-Labor Day school calendar is best for Prince George's County."

At the board meeting, Segun Eubanks expressed his frustration with Hogan's proposal, saying it was "illegal" and "bad education policy."

He continued, "This proposal [referring to the governor's mandate] is about doing what's right for businesses on the Eastern Shore, not about doing what's right for poor kids in Prince George's County."

Maxwell also expressed

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## County Board of Education Votes to Increase AP Funding

by Julie Depenbrock

In response to student testimony, the Prince George's County Board of Education voted unanimously to increase funding for Advanced Placement (AP) exams to \$500,000.

The funds will cover all students on the Free and Reduced-price Meals (FARM) program "and everyone else we can fit in," Chair Segun Eubanks said. "Everyone else" could potentially be any student earning an A or

B in an AP course, according to the debate.

Kevin Maxwell, CEO of Prince George's County Public Schools, came under fire in January for leaving AP tests out of the 2018 budget. In response to the outrage, he and the board added \$400,000 for AP tests – an amount \$300,000 short of what the county provided in years past.

At the February 23 board meeting, nine students stepped up to the podium to make a case for full funding of AP tests.

Sarah Leonard, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, was the first to speak. "I think that this county needs to provide AP tests with no economic barriers to all of its students," Leonard said to the more than 120 people packed into the boardroom of the Sascer Administration Building in Upper Marlboro.

Bryce Awano, a freshman at Parkdale High School with a 4.0 grade point average, said he

has the ability to enroll in four AP classes. The cost of four AP exams is \$372.

"P.G. County currently has a \$2 billion budget. We are asking for 0.04 percent of that money to go towards AP testing," Awano said. "There is no reason why we should sit here today and have to debate over whether a student will be able to further their education."

Several students argued that AP tests have long-term impact, providing college credit and bringing them closer to a diploma without pushing them further into debt.

The board meeting, which was scheduled for 7:05 to 9:35 p.m., lasted until 12:32 a.m. Many students began to clear out around 9 p.m., after having overheated in the poorly ventilated room or needing to finish homework.

The 42 registered speakers

See AP FUNDING page 4

### What Goes On

**Saturday, March 4**  
7 p.m., Buried Treasure, Greenbelt Youth Musical, Community Center

**Sunday, March 5**  
1 to 3 p.m., Community Art Drop-In, Community Center (see city ad for details)

**3 p.m.,** Buried Treasure, Greenbelt Youth Musical, Community Center

**Monday, March 6**  
8 p.m., Council Worksession on Dog Park and Financial Interests Report, Municipal Building

**Tuesday, March 7**  
7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board, Community Center

**7 p.m.,** Public Safety Advisory Committee, Community Center

**Wednesday, March 8**  
7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board, Community Center

**7:30 p.m.,** Zero Waste Circle, Public Works

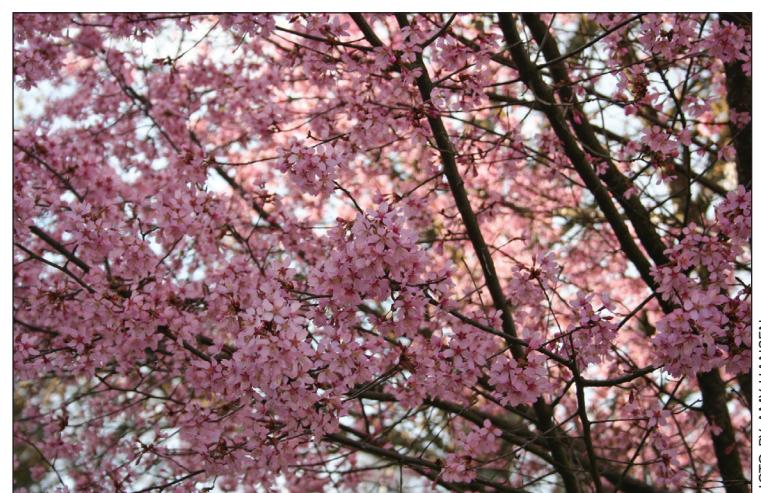


PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

A cherry tree on Lakeside Drive came into early bloom this February.

# Letters to the Editor

## OK This Time

I have spoken with Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmembers Judith Davis and Silke Pope, people whom I respect. I have also gained clarity from Acting Police Chief Thomas Kemp. Since the council did not know some city employees had received a free paid trip to a conference

by a company who wanted a new contract with the city there was no apparent ethics violation when a no-bid contract was awarded.

However, in the future, members of council need to know if a company, wanting a contract with the city, has given a gratuity of any kind to our employees.

Lois Rosado

## Correction

In the February 23 issue the Council Discusses Crime, Police and Legislation article incorrectly identified the amount of the recruitment bonus for the police department. The correct amount is \$500.

## City Notes

Public Works staff met with WSSC regarding the proposed water line replacement at Roosevelt Center, inspected the stream restoration project on Hanover Parkway near the dog park, met with Pepco staff regarding the theater's electric bill, supervised and inspected the gun range renovation, met with the lake dam contractor regarding the schedule and change orders and met with Pepco staff separately to review the electrical installation and metering at Roosevelt Center.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability staff organized and led the Presidents Day Tree Protection event, with 29 volunteers caging 35 trees for protection from beavers and liberating 30 trees from English ivy.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL RENSEL

Snowdrops bloom in a Greenbelt yard.

## Oscars Night at OGT

Assistant House Manager Brenna Lauer welcomed Greenbelt's stars for this free, live streaming of the Oscars award ceremony at the Old Greenbelt

Theatre. There was bingo, trivia and special offers for theater members, opportunities to become a member, as well as concessions and movie posters for purchase.



PHOTO BY LIL DAN CELDRAN

Lore Rosenthal and Li'l Dan Celdran attend the live streaming of the Oscars at Old Greenbelt Theatre.

## On Screen

### Moonlight

"And the winner is..."

Fences continues at Old Greenbelt Theatre and is joined by Moonlight this Friday, March 3. Named Best Picture of the Year on Oscar night after "alternative facts" briefly declared La La Land the winner, Moonlight is the masterful coming-of-age story of Chiron, a young, black, gay male growing up in the projects of South Miami.

Cuban-born drug dealer Juan (Mahershala Ali, winner of the Best Supporting Actor Award) gently nudges the sexually conflicted, achingly vulnerable Chiron into some form of manly self-reliance.

Their bond is deeply strained by the fact that Chiron's crack-addicted mother is one of Juan's best customers.

One critic called this raw, delicate, violent, tender slice of life "a flat out masterpiece."

Director – Barry Jenkins

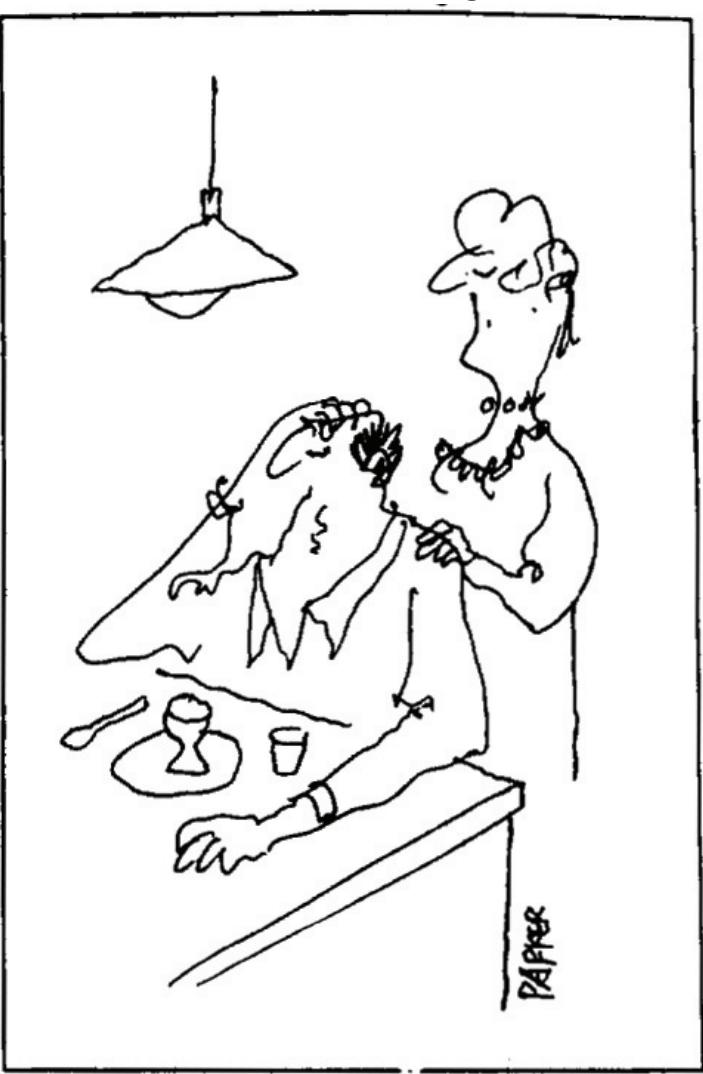
Writer – Barry Jenkins, based on the play by Tarell McCraney

Rated: R

Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes

- Jim Link

## The Old Curmudgeon



"I feel so lousy... if I weren't retired, I'd call in sick!"

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 - 10 p.m.

# Community Events

## Knitting to Infinity

The presenter for Explorations Unlimited on Friday, March 3 will be Karen Haseley. Haseley will teach participants how to arm knit an infinity scarf. If possible, participants should bring at least two skeins of yarn. The bulkier the yarn, the better. Some yarn will be available to learn with for those who cannot bring any. Participants will complete a short scarf during the program.

Haseley is the therapeutic recreation supervisor for the City of Greenbelt. Knitting is one of her many hobbies and she loves teaching it to others.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of March 6 are as follows:

Monday, March 6: beef tips with mushroom gravy, egg noodles, ratatouille, cornbread muffin, mandarin oranges, apple juice

Tuesday, March 7: crustless turkey pot pie, rosemary cannellini beans, broccoli and cauliflower, biscuit, fruit cocktail, grape juice

Wednesday, March 8: bruschetta beef, Delmonico potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, fresh fruit, orange juice

Thursday, March 9: split pea soup with crackers, baked chicken sandwich on club roll, mixed green salad with balsamic vinaigrette, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Friday, March 10: breaded pollock, potato wedges, hot cinnamon applesauce, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, orange juice

## Arts Advisory Board To Meet March 7

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center Art Gallery, Room 112. The agenda includes discussion of grant applications from the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts, the Greenbelt Concert Band and the Greenbelt Arts Center. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at [ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov) or 240-542-2057.

## At the MakerSpace

MakerSpace will have a new class starting on Sunday, March 5. Quilting 101, a six-week class, will teach how to plan and create a simple quilt. For six Sundays, experience handling fabric, cutting big pieces into little pieces and sewing them back together, and completing a practical work of art and comfort. Instructors Rose and Pat have combined experience in all types of quilting techniques and designs. Greenbelt Makers are also working on the following classes:

Thursday, March 2: Coding Club from 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, March 3: Game Night from 6 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 4: Time Bank Orientation from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 5: Quilting 101 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Animation Meetup from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7: Chess Club from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8: Fiber Fans from 6 to 9 p.m.

Check the website at [make125.org](http://make125.org) for details.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The members of the Golden Age Club are busy preparing for its 60th Anniversary celebration on April 26. The club was originally formed as a social club, and we try to live up to that idea and keep the club active.

There will be a Brown Bag Lunch on March 8. Bring a sandwich or a snack and enjoy a social hour. Tell a joke or a story and enjoy a talk with a friend.

We always welcome guests at our meetings. Come and enjoy the activities and speakers.

Time to sign up for the annual luncheon. Dues must be paid.

March comes in like a lion but goes out like a lamb. We can't fight Mother Nature but we can enjoy life along the way.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE)

2nd Floor, Greenbelt Community Center, Suite 204  
[www.greenbeltaccesstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccesstv.org) • Studio: 301-507-6581

### Free and Open to the Public Orientation Class

Wondering what GATE is all about?  
 Join us Saturday, March 4th from 10 – 1PM  
 to find out!

### General Membership Annual Meeting

Members are encouraged to attend.  
 Sunday, March 26th, 3-5PM in the GATE Studio

Check out our Channel on Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19  
 To view our schedule, visit: [www.greenbeltaccesstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccesstv.org)  
 And click on "Channel"



## Spring Grant Application Deadline - April 15, 2017

Greenbelt Community Foundation is offering a free  
 Grant Writing Workshop

Tuesday, March 7 2017, 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Greenbelt Police Department Meeting Room, 550 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD  
[www.greenbeltfoundation.net](http://www.greenbeltfoundation.net)

## Star Party Saturday To View Moon

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, March 4 at the city observatory located at Northway Field. They plan to observe Venus, Mars, the moon and a number of deep sky objects, including the Orion Nebula and the Crab Nebula. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 7 p.m. and continue for at least two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## GCF Grant Writing Workshop

The Greenbelt Community Foundation is offering a free workshop to Greenbelt organizations and cooperatives interested in applying for a grant. The workshop will be held Tuesday, March 7 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station Meeting Room.

This workshop will use the GCF application form and focus on writing a successful application for funding for projects in Greenbelt. The spring grant application deadline is April 15.

To attend, please email [info@greenbeltfoundation.net](mailto:info@greenbeltfoundation.net). For more information visit the GCF website at [greenbeltfoundation.org](http://greenbeltfoundation.org).

## Zero Waste Circle

There will be a meeting of the Zero Waste Circle on Wednesday, March 8, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Department of Public Works. Topics to be discussed include recent accomplishments, progress on current initiatives and pending legislation of interest. For information contact Susan Barnett at [susnbarn@earthlink.net](mailto:susnbarn@earthlink.net).

## Order Rain Barrels Before March 18

Rain barrels can help improve water quality and possibly save money. The City of Greenbelt, in partnership with Prince George's County Department of Environment and Plumbers and Gasfitters UA Local 5, is offering discounted 50-gallon rain barrels for a limited time. To learn more contact Erin Josephitis at [ejosephitis@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:ejosephitis@greenbeltdmd.gov) or order at [rainbarrelprogram.org/](http://rainbarrelprogram.org/) Greenbelt.

## Garden Club Meets For Plot Assignments

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club will hold its plot assignment meeting in Room 114 of the Community Center on Monday, March 6 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Those not able to attend or with questions, should contact Martha Tomecek at 301-614-0691.

## Arts Center Presents Spelling Bee

The Greenbelt Arts Center will present the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee on Fridays and Saturdays, March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. and on Sundays, March 12 and 19 at 2 p.m.

Winner of both Tony and Drama Desk awards, this musical features an eclectic ensemble of tween characters who vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and heartfelt angst, these adolescents spell their way through a series of esoteric words

in a quest to avoid the soul-crushing, pout-inducing ding of the bell that signals a mistake and necessitates a quick exit from the competition. With its fast-paced and funny yet poignant script and a truly fresh score, this bee is a riotous ride.

Courageous souls in the audiences come up on stage and spell words along with the cast of angst-ridden students. Audience participation provides comical improv opportunities for the actors. No two performances are the same. For more information or for tickets, contact [boxgac@gmail.com](mailto:boxgac@gmail.com).

## GHI Notes

Thursday, March 2, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, March 4, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, March 7, 7:15 p.m., Task Force on Solar GHI Administration Complex Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m., HIP/Finance Seminar w/Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Board Room

Wednesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Friday, March 10, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
 Sunday, March 5, Wed., March 8, & Fri., March 10  
 Beginning at 8 PM

“Graveyard of the Great Lakes (2015),”  
 “Autism: Made in America,”  
 and “The Worst of the Worst (2013)”

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE)  
 Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels

## Greenbelt Arts Center OPENING THIS WEEK!

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee



March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 at 8 PM  
 March 12, 19 at 2 PM

Ticket prices: \$25 General Admission,  
 \$22 Students/Seniors/Military, \$14 Youth (12 and under with adult)

## COMING SOON

Tribute – Apr 21 - May 13 – Directed by Gayle Negri  
 She Speaks – June 2 - 18 – Guest Production from the Rude Mechanicals

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or  
 email: [info@greenbelartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbelartscenter.org) or  
 BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at [www.greenbelartscenter.org](http://www.greenbelartscenter.org)



**At Greenbelt Park**

Saturday, March 4. Greenbelt City, a Green Oasis. An interpretive talk focusing on the history of Greenbelt to describe the birth of a planned city, a green town as a relief project during the Great Depression, its growth during war and peace, and the Art Deco architecture of private homes and public buildings with the civic adornments of Lenore Thomas' sculpture which still grace this modern community today. Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 5. Meet the Beaver. Join a park ranger to learn about the beavers of Greenbelt. Learn the distinct characteristics of beavers and interesting facts about their habitats and life. Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground at 10 a.m.

Saturday, March 11. Greenbelt Park, Yesterday and Today. The history of Greenbelt Park from the Girl Scout Camp Conestoga (1938) to NPS Mission (1966) and the construction of the campground, to what might have been – the 1972 proposal for a theme park, The Spirit of America. Golf course? Horse stables? A youth dormitory? All of these were originally planned for the “urban oasis” of Greenbelt. Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 11. Leave No Trace. Join a ranger on an interpretive talk and video on Leave No Trace. The program will build awareness, appreciation and respect for America’s public lands by teaching minimum impact skills ethics. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 12. Volunteer and Stewardship Opportunities for 2017. How can I become a camp host? What is the volunteer trail crew and what does it do? To what other visitor services can I contribute in 2017? Learn about the positive impact of volunteers on the park and how you can join our stewardship team. Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground at 10 a.m.

Saturday, March 18. Animals of Greenbelt. Kids ages 5 to 12 are invited to join a park ranger for a presentation about the wildlife that call this special place their home. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

**Free Talk on Bariatric Surgery, Weight Loss**

On Monday, March 6 from 9 to 10 a.m., Doctors Community Hospital will offer a free lecture about bariatric surgery and weight loss. Adults who are at least 30 pounds overweight are invited to learn about a comprehensive approach to weight loss surgery. Dr. Hitesh Amin, M.D., board-certified surgeon and medical director, Bariatric and Weight Loss Center, will present the lecture at the Professional Office Building, Suite 210, 8116 Good Luck Road. Registration is required; call 301-324-4968.

**Holy Cross Thrift Store**

Every Thursday  
10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women,  
men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

**Computer Club Meets Thursday**

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Room 112. Everyone is welcome to the discussions about the latest in computers, tablets and consumer electronics. Basic trouble shooting advice for Windows computers and some for Apple iPad and iPhone is available.

**Hear Local Bands Free at UMD**

The UMD Wind Ensemble will Strike Up the Bands on Friday, March 10 at 8 p.m. in Dekelboum Concert Hall of The Clarice. The UMD Wind Ensemble is joined by the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Band for a side-by-side free concert that includes band classics such as Morton Gould's Symphony No. 4 West Point, which was commissioned for the West Point Sesquicentennial Celebration, and Persichetti's Symphony No. 6.

**WSSC Project at Roosevelt Center to Begin March 9**

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) will commence work to replace a fire suppression water line which services the Greenbelt Co-op on Thursday, March 1. A meter vault will be delivered on that day, making it necessary to close the service road to Roosevelt Center from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The project is expected to take about a week to complete and is part of the WSSC Infrastructure Improvement Project. More information on this project may be found at [https://www.wsscwater.com/files/live/sites/wssc/files/major%20projects/WaterMainReplacement\\_8-15%20web.pdf](https://www.wsscwater.com/files/live/sites/wssc/files/major%20projects/WaterMainReplacement_8-15%20web.pdf)



# City Information

**MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 6-10**

Monday, March 6 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Dog Park/Financial Interests Reports** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 998, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Discussion of FY18 grant applications from Friends of New Deal Café Arts, the Greenbelt Concert Band and the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Security Cameras.

Wednesday, March 8: **NO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, March 8 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the Agenda: Draft Report Detailed Site Plan (DSP) – Greenbelt Station North Core/Metro Parking Redevelopment and Update on planning projects.

Wednesday, March 8 at 7:30pm, **ZERO WASTE CIRCLE** at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: New Business Update on legislation, Discussion on Community Impact Grants, Discussion on potential locations for compost systems

**Detailed agendas are posted on the calendar at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.**

**Heavy Landscaping Project Grant for Seniors**

Are you a senior that needs help with heavy yard work, cleaning of yard debris, raking, hedge trimming, tree removal and more? If the answer is yes, the Prince George's County Department of Family Services has a grant that may be able to help you address these yard

maintenance needs just in time for Spring. Funds are limited.

**Application Requirements are as follows:**

- Seniors 60 +
- Must demonstrate financial need via a copy of proof of income and a financial statement
- Must seek support from Homeowners Insurance first if applicable
- Maximum award \$2000.00 per household. If approved, you must use pre-approved vendors from the Department of Family Services list of vendors
- Home to be serviced must be primary residence
- Home cannot be for sale or in a state of foreclosure

Interested residents should contact the Department of Family Services at 301-265-8450.

**Less is More Support Group Now Forming**

Many people become overwhelmed with the tasks of sorting, reorganizing and uncluttering. Is it very difficult for you or someone you care about to part with “stuff” even if it seems to be of no value, duplication and gets in the way of his or her daily living or may even be dangerous? A lot of the Greenbelt homes have very little storage space. This group will help member develop strategies and identify resource for maintaining a safe, livable environment. Please call Tom Patota at the City of Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program - 301 345-6660 for more information.

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizen Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

**GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT****GREENBELT YOUTH MUSICAL 2017**

## BURIED TREASURE

An Underground Musical Adventure

Greenbelt Community Center Auditorium  
15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

**Saturday, March 4, 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, March 5, 3:00 pm**

**Saturday March 11, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm**

Josh is as brave as a lion, Harriet is as wise as an owl, and Miranda is always as good as gold – or so they think, until an adventure in the Underworld challenges their surface notions and impels the trio to a deeper understanding of courage, wisdom, and goodness. In a world where dragons and gnomes are real, can three high-school kids break a spell of ignorance and rescue Sophia, the Underworld's rightful queen?

**Tickets: \$5 Advance sales at 301-397-2208**

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# To Honor the Presidents, Volunteers Protect Trees

by Connor Roessler



Volunteers at the Presidents Day Tree Protection service event

The Department of Public Works and the Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project sponsored a tree protection volunteer event in Buddy Attick Park on Monday, February 20 in honor of Presidents Day. A group of 29 volunteers and two Public Works employees made it a day on, not a day off, by contributing to the service event. This service-learning opportunity brought individuals, families and volunteer groups of all ages and backgrounds together to make a positive impact on the environment by protecting trees from beaver herbivory and English ivy takeover.

Volunteers met at the Department of Public Works for an orientation to learn about the impact of their service on the local environment. Beavers provide many ecosystem benefits to Greenbelt Lake and this project ensures that we are able to coexist with the beavers. Volunteers learned that beavers change landscapes by cutting down trees for food and building materials for lodges. Caging the trees around the lake helps to protect old, native trees from being downed by beavers. Non-native softwood trees are left for the beavers to eat, as they grow back faster. Red twig dogwood trees planted by volunteers on Arbor Day, 2015 were uncaged because these trees are able to grow back and continue serving as an ongoing food source for beavers. Additionally, volunteers learned about how invasive English ivy negatively impacts trees and must be maintained (with the help of volunteers) to remove the vines from the forest.

Once the orientation was over, volunteers walked to the shoreline

of Greenbelt Lake for a tree caging demonstration led by Brian Townsend, horticulture supervisor. Then, tools and equipment were distributed so volunteers could start protecting trees. An estimated 35 trees were protected from beavers by volunteers placing wire caging around the trunks. About 30 trees were liberated from English ivy using hand shears. Participants reflected that they enjoyed learning about the project while making friends and having a positive impact on the environment.

Thanks to Bagel Place Bagels of College Park for donating food. Special thanks to individuals from Broccoli City and So What Else for volunteering. The importance of volunteers cannot be overstated, as they play a key role in caring for our remnant woods.

The next tree protection volunteer event will take place on International Forest Day Saturday, March 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Buddy Attick Park. Meet inside of Public Works for orientation and training. Remember to dress warmly and to wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty. RSVP at [signupgenius.com/go/409084FA4AD2BA3F58](http://signupgenius.com/go/409084FA4AD2BA3F58)

world. Contact Connor Roessler at [croessler@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:croessler@greenbeltdmd.gov) or 240-542-2150 for more information.

*Connor Roessler is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for Public Works.*



Volunteers erect cages to protect trees from beavers.

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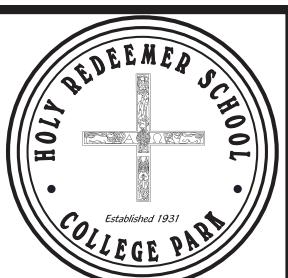
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# Volkssporting Movement Is Worth Exploring

by Matt Arbach

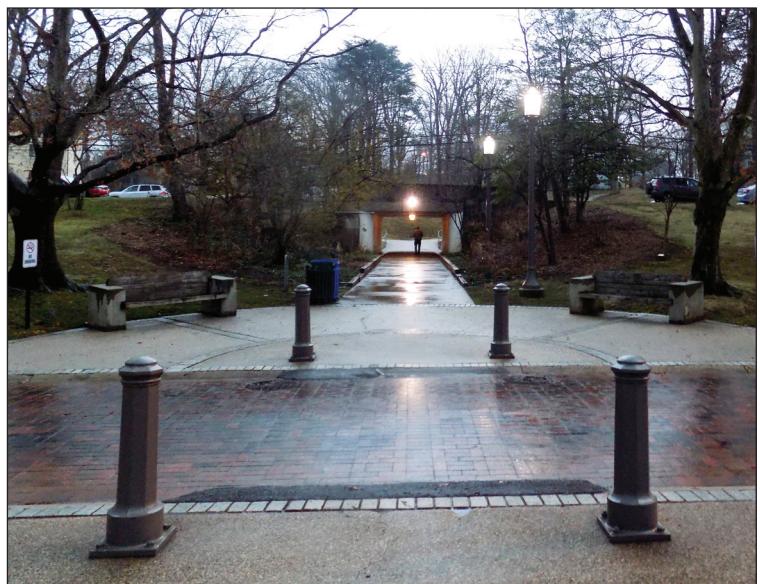


PHOTO BY MATT ARBACH

The underpass under Crescent Road next to Roosevelt Center will be a part of the 5k walk on March 18 starting at 9 a.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. The march is sponsored by the American Volkssport Association.

If noncompetitive fitness activities that encourage lifelong fun, fitness and friendship for all ages and abilities sounds inviting to you, then the American Volkssport Association (AVA) is worth exploring. AVA is sponsoring two free 5-km walks on Saturday, March 18 beginning at the Youth Center. Start time is between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. with the finish time being 4 p.m. The first walk centers on Old Greenbelt, while the second involves more recent additions to the city and the lake.

This writer had a chance to preview the Old Greenbelt walk on a brisk, overcast Saturday. I found it to be a serene, intriguing trek past old and new, through the less-frequented byways, between homes and past playgrounds and along quiet, forested paths.

The trail begins at the Community Center, where the uninitiated can enjoy vintage photos that recount the early planning and construction phase of Greenbelt; one photo shows FDR himself on-site. Following this is a pass by the Greenbelt Museum which is displaying the work of sculptress Lenore Thomas Straus, the artist responsible for the bas-reliefs on the exterior of the Community Center, as well as the mother and child statue in the Roosevelt Center, also on the trail. Of note on the trail is the first occupied home in Greenbelt, inhabited on September 30, 1937.

The Volkssporting movement, originating in Germany in 1968 is, according to the AVA website (ava.org), a "personal fitness sports and recreation program offering noncompetitive walks, hikes, bike rides, swims and in some regions cross-country skiing." Walking (or volksmarching) is the most frequent activity.

Volkssporting began in the U.S. in 1976 and there are now 250 clubs nationwide. Annually, the AVA sponsors more than 3,000 events, most of which are self-guided and open every day of the year. This September, the Greenbelt AVA chapter will be 30 years old. The March 18 event commemorates this milestone as well as the 80th anniversary of the City of Greenbelt.

Greenbelt chapter president Yvonne Pennington joined the AVA in the late 1990s. Her mother discovered an AVA advertisement and invited Pennington to

attend a walking event. She instantly fell in love with the organization, attracted by the positive social aspect of it and the joy of staying fit in the midst of beautiful garden paths.

Pennington feels that Greenbelt is a great fit for AVA for several reasons. Greenbelt was designed as a garden city, one of the three established by the New Deal in 1935, and is itself built around walking trails. It is "an amazing, historic city," with a true "walking community," she said.

In recent years, the administration of the Greenbelt AVA chapter has shrunk, and Pennington is encouraging Greenbelt residents to consider joining the ranks. Help is needed in event logistics, such as welcoming the public, planning and scouting for new walking trails, web support, video development and the maintenance of social media sites.

Local businesses are encouraged to sponsor events. In addition to the financial rewards of product presentation is the "ability to interact with participants for several hours," and enhanced "exposure to (the) lucrative senior market," according to the website. Often, businesses will work out a complementary arrangement with the AVA chapter, such as the printing of event programs and trail maps.

In addition to the one-time only trails on March 18, the AVA has mapped 5-km and 10-km trails that are open all year. Both begin at the Aquatic Center. There is also a swim program that is held at the Aquatic Center.

For further information on Greenbelt AVA, contact Pennington at 301-431-6668 or greenbelt-mva@gmail.com. For more information on Volkssports, consult ava.org and ivv-web.org.

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Following the workshop, stay for a 3 p.m. ticketed performance of Buried Treasure, the 2017 Greenbelt Youth Musical. Encounter gnomes, dragons, pixies and more in a moving tale of underground adventure suitable for audience members of all ages. Advance ticket purchase is recommended; for assistance, contact the Community Center business office at 301-397-2208.

For more information about City of Greenbelt arts programs, visit [greenbeltdmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/arts) and follow Greenbelt Recreation ARTS on Facebook. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

## Greenbelt Time Bank Orientation Meeting

Join a growing community of Greenbelters who are exchanging goods and services using hours instead of dollars. Earn hours by providing services to others and spend the hours to receive services in return. Members use their talents to help their neighbors, get their own needs met and build a stronger community.

The Greenbelt Time Bank will hold an orientation meeting on Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at MakerSpace.

The Greenbelt Time Bank will hold its annual get-together on Sunday, March 12 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 202. Special guests Mary Murphy and Laura Kranis from the Silver Spring Time Bank will share how its members earn hours and help their time bank grow.

The afternoon will include fun activities to help individuals identify gifts and needs (requests and offers) and find other members with whom to exchange. Bring anecdotes about prior experiences and any questions about the time bank. Potluck snacks to share are welcome. Help this be a zero waste event by bringing a reusable plate, mug and silverware.

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## Snippets from the Past

### Spring Blitz Upsets Plans, Trees And ... Oh Those Cold Beans

by Snowball Jim, Arctic Reporter for the Cooperator

One black-out for which Greenbelt had no "spotters" came whistling down the Maryland Countryside with a fine disdain for timetables. It shouldn't have happened—not even to a dog. Not in the balmy springtime, at least. But it did. Up-ended trees and slender pines which snapped like so many matchsticks are still with us in silent testimony to the havoc. (So are the many, many bottles of rubbing alcohol, the tremendous numbers of candles and the countless hamburger sandwiches sold in Greenbelt last Sunday.)

All through the night the heavy snow came plopping down, so that by 7 a.m. everything that was not already, and by nature, laying on the ground, gave up resistance and tumbled to earth. Trees, power lines, and plans for a Palm Sunday holiday, all in a heap. Northerners chortled over the familiar scene of limitless snow, others shivered, some grumbled, but all admitted that the blizzard was sure something.

As usual, thanks to the heroic efforts of trouble shooters and the presence of mind of Greenbelt Consumer Services, which threw open the doors of the grocery store and the variety store, much of the discomfort was of a transient nature. By 7 p.m. nearly all services were restored. Unfortunately, the broken trees were not.

If the downfall accomplished nothing else it certainly was a test of the ingenuity of Greenbelt families in meeting an emergency. Faced with a dinnerless Sunday a good number of our townsmen resorted to devices which make Edison's experiments and Galileo's cogitations look like dull affairs. From here and there the Cooperator has managed to learn a few of the devices used by local snowbound pioneers in providing cooking facilities.

One genius flooded the broiling pan of his stove with rubbing alcohol and set the

whole business afire. His wife came running into the kitchen when she smelled "burned feathers."

A more practical demonstration of the art of makeshift cookery was provided by a neighbor who placed a number of wicks into a pan of congealed bacon drippings. Broiling over the flame was slow but reliable.

A popular practice was to make use of an open can containing some rubbing alcohol. Inventors of this method vow that a quart of water was set to boiling in five minutes. (Electric clocks don't move very fast during a power shut-off.)

One of the less spectacular but nonetheless effective procedures to meet the emergency was encountered in one court where a group of citizens had built a fire out of broken branches, of which there was a plentitude. A string of blackened coffee pots and patient householders was evidence that the open fireplace still remains an old American custom.

There were many other schemes, concocted to provide heat for cooking, too many to be recounted here. Two more which possibly are worth mentioning are the inverted waste basket, punched with holes and housing a heap of burning twigs, and the tray laden with candles, over which the cook holds a pot. (We saw this one ourselves and held the pot awhile.)

That not all Greenbelters are possessed of the inventive spirit was indicated by the rapid disappearance of canned heat appliances, a half hour after the variety store opened. Candles sold furiously and rubbing alcohol at the drug store was in great demand.

Out of all of this can be gleaned the reflection, perhaps a bit trite, but we pass it on anyway, "Some fun, eh!"

*From the Greenbelt Cooperator, April 3, 1942*

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## DWI/DUI

February 15, 9:06 a.m. 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A 26-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related charges as a result of officers responding to a report of a possibly intoxicated driver. The man was released on citations to the Department of Corrections for service of an open arrest warrant.

## Robbery

February 16, 3:45 p.m. 9100 block Springhill Lane. A young man was walking behind an apartment building when he was surrounded by several people who punched him in the face. An unsuccessful attempt was made to take the man's sneakers. The group then fled. The man was taken by a parent for treatment of minor injuries. It is known that the young men know each other and the investigation is ongoing.

February 17, 8:45 p.m. 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Cashiers at the Super Beauty store said that two people entered the store wearing masks and armed with handguns. A robbery was announced, and after getting money from a register, they fled. They are described as black males, one wearing a Helly-Hanson brand hooded jacket and another with curly brown hair with blonde tips, wearing all black clothing.

## Burglary

February 17, 8:30 p.m. 7300 block South Ora Court. A residence was entered and jewelry was taken.

February 21, 12:15 p.m. 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A basement storage unit was broken into. Items stolen were a stroller, a laptop computer, a television and a crib.

## Theft

February 16, 9 a.m. 6300 block Ivy Lane. Travel documents were taken from a hotel room at the Marriott Courtyard.

February 18, 3:20 p.m. 6900

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## Greenbelt History in Photos

# A Rush for Plans

by James Giese

*This is the 13th in a series of articles with photos depicting the early history of Greenbelt.*

Groundbreaking for the new town of Greenbelt took place October 12, 1935. But there still were no plans for it. Early planning by engineers had produced a town plan with a regimented geographic pattern that called for 66 miles of streets. By mid-summer of 1935 the engineers had been replaced with town planners. Led by Hale Walker, the plan they developed called for six miles of streets.

The plans were prepared in the 54-room Evelyn Walsh McLean mansion on Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, D.C., its main ballroom crammed with drafting tables. Draftsmen and designers worked late into the night to keep up with the needs of the Construction Division for plans.

The Construction Division wasn't created until December 1, 1935. It had a staff of over 400, plus advisors. Participating in planning and building the town were 28 federal agencies, technical associations, foundations and corporations.

Construction was to begin with the D block, the super-block between Crescent and Ridge Roads and Gardenway and Eastway.

This artist's drawing is of the 35 and 37 courts of Ridge, a unique layout in the plan, having a shared garage area and, while balanced together as two courts, having a six-home and a four-home unit in each court instead of two-



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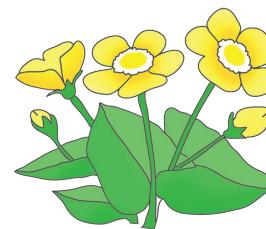
Architects and draftsmen at 2020 Massachusetts Avenue, Rural Resettlement



Artist's drawing of housing for the Greenbelt project

equal-sized units. At the end of each six-family row is a one-story, one-bedroom unit. These small homes were dubbed "honeymoon cottages" by the residents.

*(Information for this article is taken from Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987, Chapter 2, Constructing the New Town by Leta Mach. Photos are from the Library of Congress photo files, available online at loc.gov/pictures)*



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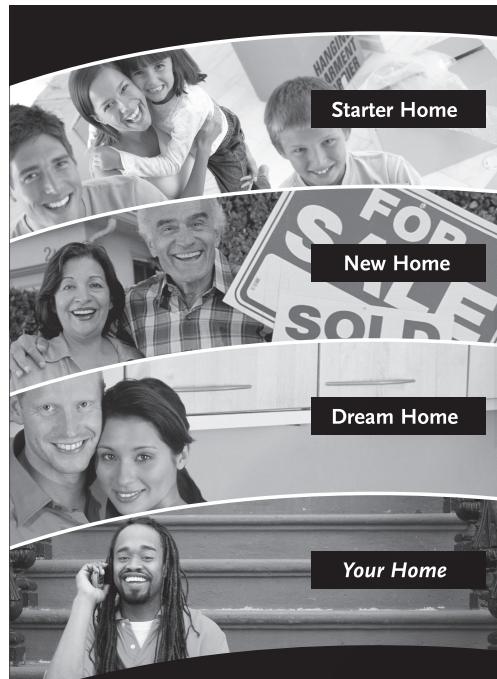
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**Single-Level Living** - Lower-Level 1-Bedroom, sunroom, open to kitchen. Large corner lot with spacious deck that backs to protected woodlands. Nice!

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**Brick Townhome** - Just steps away from Roosevelt Center. Amazing kitchen with granite counters, modern cabinets & s.s. appliances. Beautiful!

**3 Bedroom Townhome** Walk to Roosevelt Center. Hardwood floors throughout. Ceiling fans and pull-down attic stairs. Fenced front and back yards.

**Brick Townhome** - Estate Sale - 2 BR GHI home. Completely remodeled top to bottom. New appls, cabs, ceramic tile, refin, flrs... Priced to sell at \$149,900

**Brick Townhome - Corner Lot** - Completely remodeled 3BR GHI townhome with refinished oak floors upstairs. Fenced Backyard with Trex deck.

**1 BR - Lower Level - Corner Lot** - Raised deck that overlooks protected woodlands. Forested yard with fire pit & large seating area. Shed & workbench!

**1 Bedroom GHI End Unit** - Upper Level with 2 bedrooms and refinished oak hardwood floors. Opened Kitchen w/breakfast bar creates lots of space.

**Brick Townhome on Corner Lot** 3 Bedrooms with one of the largest yards in the coop! Brand new kitchen, bath, paint and refinished hardwood floors.

**3 Bedroom GHI Townhome** - Oak hardwood flooring throughout. Fenced backyard with large shed & brick patio. Nearby playground, friendly neighbors!

**Large Corner Lot** - 2 Bedroom GHI home - Freshly upgraded by GHI! New siding, windows and doors. Refinished hardwood flooring throughout. Ready!

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## Homeschoolers Tour GAFC

by Li'l Dan Celdran



PHOTO BY LI'L DAN CELDRAN

**GAFC Pool Operator Manager, Stephen Didion, shows students how water testing is done and how the spa and pool filter/pump room operates.**

Greenbelt Homeschoolers visited the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) for a behind-the-scenes tour last week in which they learned how a pool filter/pump system operates, how to test the water quality and the importance of taking soap showers before swimming. Many thanks to the GAFC for hosting this tour.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL REINSEL

Male northern cardinal in yard



PHOTO BY GLORIA A. BROWN

A male ringneck duck explores the water, looking for an early breakfast at the Lake.

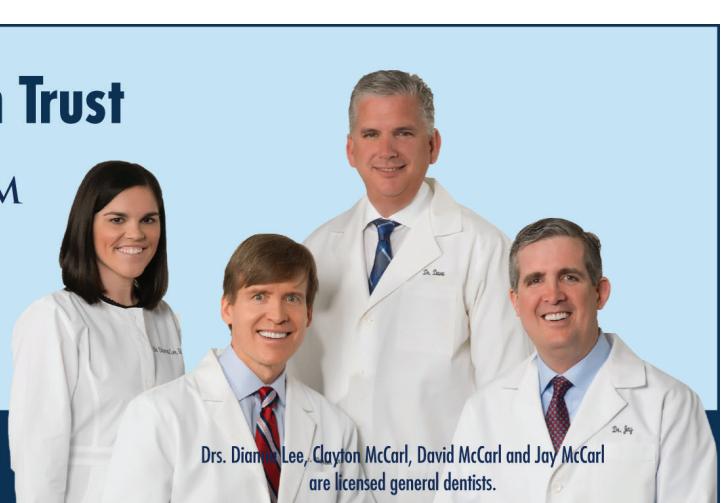
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## At the Library

With Pen in Hand. On Monday, March 6, 7 p.m. Novice to experienced writers are welcome to find their creative voice through writing. Share ideas, be inspired and participate in group critiques. All genres welcome.

Crazy 8s! Season 4 will begin Tuesday, March 7, 4:30 p.m. for grades 3 to 5, limit 15 children. This after-school math club is designed to get kids fired up about math. Every week Crazy 8ers will engage in activities where they may race across the country, make music with their hands and feet or train to be a firefighter, while bonding with new friends over math. Advance registration will open one week prior to each session. This eight-week program will be conducted on Tuesday afternoons through May 9 (no sessions on April 11 and 18). Contact the branch information staff for details either in person or by calling 301-345-5800.

### Ready 2 Read

Storytimes are Monday, March 6: ages 3 to 5 at 7 p.m.; Tuesday, March 7: for ages 3 to 5 at 7 p.m.; Wednesday, March 8: for ages 3 to 5 at 10:15 a.m. and ages 2 to 3 at 11:15 a.m. Each group is limited to 20 participants. On Thursday, March 9 storytime for ages newborn to 2 will be at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s) or ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20.

On Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m., Forgotten Fighters: African Americans and World War I will be the last session of the winter 2017 season in the audiovisual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. The spring season will begin on Tuesday, March 28 and run through May 2.



## Bin Those Unhealthy Butts In Their Proper Receptacles

by Erin Josephitis

Smokers have a responsibility to keep our watershed clean by preventing cigarette butt litter. The planet is not an ashtray, yet the Ocean Conservancy lists cigarette butts as the single most common item littered along local waterways in Greenbelt and across the globe. Though cigarette butts may be small, their litter takes an enormous toll on our human health, economy and planet.

Cigarette litter is all too common at parks and the toxic substances in cigarette butts can cause harm to children, pets and all living organisms. A common misconception about cigarette butts is that they will break down naturally in the environment. The truth is that cigarette butts are not biodegradable. When it rains, cigarette butts end up in the local streams, rivers and waterways. According to Prince George's County Department of Environment, a recent study shows when cigarette butts were soaked in fresh and saltwater at a concentration of one butt per liter, half of the fish exposed to the water died.

Smokers should take their cigarette butts with them to dispose of properly, in the trash.

Litter, including cigarette butts, thrown out of a car in Greenbelt can result in a municipal infraction and \$500 fine. According to the American Legacy Foundation, the pres-



Cigarette butts by a bench at the Lake

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